

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVENUE
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 215 Senate Office Building, State Capitol Complex

February 12, 2009

Members Present: Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Co-Chairman
Rep. Sheryl Allen, Co-Chairman
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Sheldon Killpack
Rep. Julie Fisher
Rep. Chris Herrod
Rep. Christine Johnson
Rep. Todd Kiser

Members Excused: Rep. Jackie Biskupski

Staff Present: Dr. Andrea Wilko, Chief Economist
Dr. Thomas Young, Economist
Jennifer Eyring, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Rep. Allen called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

Rep. Allen reminded the committee and audience that there is a formal process for requesting appropriations. Some requests have not gone through the proper process. Those presenting who did go through the proper process are the Richfield City Business Expansion, Reach Out and Read, and Thanksgiving Point. The process was not completed for The Leonardo, Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy, Center for Education, Business and the Arts, Utah Defense Alliance, and Eccles Ice Center. UBiDs has also expressed interest but did not file an appropriations request. The committee is limited in what it can do if the application procedures have not been followed.

Sen. Davis noted that the committee could still verbally inform the Executive Appropriations Committee that these groups were heard in committee.

The staff provided the committee with three handouts dated February 12, 2009:

Motions

Economic Development and Revenue

Budget Reduction Recommendations, in Order of Reduction Priority

Dr. Andrea Wilko gave an explanation of the "Motions" page, items 1 - 8. The supporting information is found in the "Economic Development and Revenue" handout.

MOTION: Sen Davis moved to adopt the page entitled "Motions". The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Killpack and Rep. Biskupski absent for the vote.

Dr. Wilko explained the "Budget Reduction Recommendations" handout, noting changes from the prior version.

MOTION: Rep. Kiser moved that "GOED - Sports Commission Funding" be moved from line 24 to line 26 in priority on the "Budget Reduction Recommendation" page. The allocation amount is \$270,000. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Kiser moved to approve the "Budget Reduction Recommendations" page as now prioritized. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Killpack commented on the situation of the Utah Defense Alliance as it pertains to a request for appropriations. He noted that this program brings revenue and jobs to the state. He requested that the committee consider return on investment and job creation as it looks at funding.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to recommend to the Executive Appropriations Committee that the committee heard the following organizations' requests for appropriations and recognize their needs: Thanksgiving Point, Reach Out and Read, and Richfield ED. Not necessarily in this order, the committee recognizes The Leonardo, Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy, CEBA, Utah Defense Alliance, and UBiDS.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Fisher moved to add the Snow College Nursing Initiative to the list, following UBiDS, in the original motion. The substitute motion passed unanimously.

The committee discussed the best way to address the Snow College Nursing Initiative should money become available.

MOTION: Rep. Fisher moved to place the Snow College Nursing Initiative, listed on page 3 of the "Economic Development and Revenue" handout as "Incentive Funds", at the top of the list for add backs. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Allen thanked the committee for their work and adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Co-Chair

Rep. Sheryl L. Allen, Co-Chair